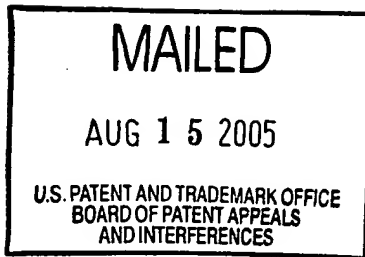


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Ex parte CHARLES C. BIRKNER,
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Application 09/696,465

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 25, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An examination of the Image File Wrapper (IFW) reveals that an Appeal Brief was filed on June 14, 2004. The Appeal Brief does not comply with section 1206(9) of the Manual of

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Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) (8th Ed., Rev. 2, May 2004),
which states:


The copy of the claims required in the
brief Appendix by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(9) should
be a clean copy and should not include any
markings such as brackets or underlining.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the
Examiner:

1. for notification to appellants to submit a Supplemental Appeal Brief which includes a new Appendix to the Appeal Brief filed on June 14, 2004, or for the examiner to issue a Supplemental Examiner's Answer which contains a correct copy of claims 1, 11 and 12;
2. to have a copy of the Supplemental Appeal Brief or the Supplemental Examiner's Answer scanned into the record; and
3. for such further action as may be appropriate.

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